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Reply To: HPR-ID

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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment #3

Dear Ms. Lowe:

Your December 17 letter requested FHWA approval of STIP Amendment #3 providing for the following modifications:

**KN "New":** Garwood to Sagle, Granite Stage, MP 449.8-453.0. This new project stage is a break-out from existing project, KN09791, Garwood to Sagle, Athol Stage.

**KN 09781:** Garwood to Sagle, Sagle Design Stage, Bonner County. The scope of this project phase; which previously consisted of conducting the highway design and right of way acquisition phases of work for this segment of the Garwood to Sagle project; has been changed to construction of safety improvements.

Because the projects are not intermodal in nature and will not affect the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority for this amendment request.

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

1. The proposed changes were communicated to the public during outreach meetings on November 12 and 13, 2008; therefore, no further public involvement is necessary.
2. The affected projects are outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas and therefore Federal quality conformity regulations will not apply.
3. The proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, amendment #3 is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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